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| In re the Application of: | Ramji Srinivasan, et al.            | Atty. Docket No.: | 5242.00120        |
| Confirmation No.          | 7275                                | Group Art Unit:   | 1731              |
| Application No.:          | 10/661,768                          | Examiner:         | Tatyana Zalukaeva |
| Filed:                    | September 15, 2003                  |                   |                   |
| For:                      | FORMALDEHYDE FREE INSULATION BINDER |                   |                   |

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

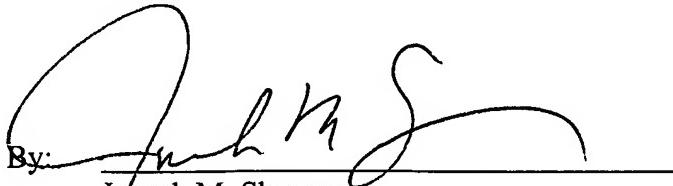
Responding to the restriction requirement required under 35 USC 121 entered in the Office Action of April 25, 2005 applicants elect, without traverse, the Invention of Group II, claims 13-19 directed to an aqueous binder.

While it is not clear from the Office Action whether an election of species is required if a Group other than Group I was elected. Out of an abundance of caution, applicants identify the polymer made using maleic anhydride and hydroxylethyl acrylate described in Example 1.

It is believed that no fee is required for this submission. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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